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Applicant : Hand, *et al.*  
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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing Applicants' Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted.

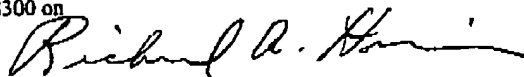
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2005 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

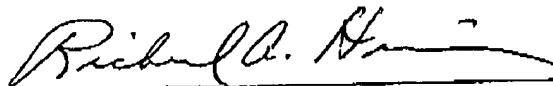
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